

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claim 19, claims 1-19 will be pending. In the Office Action, claims 10-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Blinn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,897,622, herein after "Blinn"). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gerace (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396). Claims 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Blinn in view of Gerace. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections in view of the following remarks and submit that, at least for the reasons given here, the rejections should be withdrawn.

Formal Matters

Applicants have amended claim 19 to correct typographical errors and submit that the amendments were not made for patentability reasons.

Information Disclosure Statements

The rejection states that Information Disclosure Statements were filed on 10/6/99, 10/25/99, 9/10/99, 10/18/99, 11/15/99, 4/26/00, 06/07/00, 06/15/00 and are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98, and MPEP §609. Additionally, the rejection states that the IDS filed on 4/23/00 was not in the case, and requested missing parts for examination. Applicants note that only one Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on April 20, 2000, and the IDS cited references that may be found in the file history of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,221 (Application No. 08/873,975, filed June 12, 1997). Applicants request clarification on the above statements and also request consideration of the references that have not been considered and which are found in the file history of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,227. If the Examiner cannot find copies of the references in the file, applicants would be happy to provide them upon request.

Claims 10-18

Claim 10 was rejected under 37 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated Blinn. The rejection asserted that Blinn discloses executing a template program specific to the user using real-time information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the customized page. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Blinn discloses a template parser 144 that obtains a template from HTML structures 126 and parses the template to create a syntax tree that is delivered to a page processor to create HTML for display on a browser 122, 123. (see Blinn, col. 10, lines 51-55). Applicants submit that the template from the HTML structures 126 does not disclose or suggest executing a template program specific to the user. Blinn may disclose templates that are included in HTML structures 126; however, Blinn does not disclose or suggest that the templates are specific to the user. Rather, the templates may be used for any user. Also, information specific to the user may be inputted into the template, but the template is not specific to the user.

Accordingly, Blinn does not disclose or suggest every element of claim 10 and applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection. Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11-18 as well.

Claim 19

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gerace. The rejection asserts that Gerace discloses executing the template program specific to the user using real-time information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the customized page at the page server at col. 8, line 57 - col. 9, line 5. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Gerace discloses that upon a user selection of the weather category, a weather page display object 35C enables display of weather information in one of two formats. (see Gerace, col. 8, lines 57-61). Gerace does not disclose or suggest that weather display object 35C is specific to the user. Rather, weather display object 35C

takes information stored for a user and displays that information. Applicants submit that this does not disclose or suggest a template program specific to the user.

Moreover, nowhere in Gerace is the above concept disclosed or suggested. Gerace may disclose page display objects that may be used to display a page for a user. (see Gerace, col. 7, lines 38-45). However, Gerace does not disclose or suggest that a page display object is specific to the user. Gerace only discloses a set of page display objects are used to read data stored for a user and display in a page according to presentation formats stored within the data. (see Gerace, col. 5, lines 56-57 and col. 7, lines 27-28). Thus, a page display object is not specific to a user.

Also, Gerace does not disclose or suggest that real-time information stored in a storage device is input to a template program to generate a customized page. Gerace discloses page display objects that read data from a database. However, Gerace does not disclose or suggest that the data in the database is real-time data.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19.

CONCLUSION

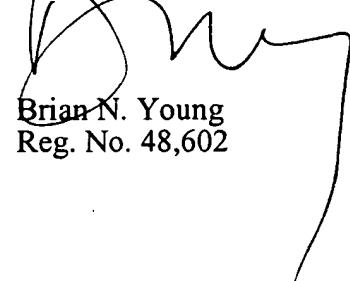
In view of the foregoing, applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1 10. In a page server coupled to a network, a method of providing a
2 customized page to a user, wherein the customized page is customized according to the
3 user's preferences, the method comprising the steps of:

4 obtaining real-time information from information sources;
5 storing the real-time information in a storage device;
6 receiving, from a user and at the page server, a user request for a
7 customized page; and thereafter
8 executing a template program specific to the user using the real-time
9 information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the
10 customized page, wherein the template program indicates items of interest to the user;
11 and
12 providing the user with the customized page, wherein the customized page
13 includes at least one item of real-time information selected from the storage device.

1 11. The method of claim 10, further including prior to the step of
2 receiving the user request the steps of caching the template program in a storage location
3 local to the page server.

1 12. The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of receiving
2 user preferences for the user, wherein the user preferences indicate the items of interest to
3 the user, and combining the user preferences with a generic template to form the template
4 program specific to the user.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further including the step of providing the
2 template program specific to the user to the page server.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein the page server performs the step
2 of combining the user preferences with the generic template.

1 15. The method of claim 10, wherein the real-time information
2 comprises stock quotes, sports scores and news headlines.

1 16. The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of generating a
2 default user configuration for the user based on demographic information of the user.

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the step of generating a default
2 user configuration comprises the steps of:

3 determining a default list of cities for a weather report based on user
4 demographic information; and
5 determining one or more sports teams for sports reporting based on user
6 demographic information.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein the steps of determining
2 comprise the steps of:
3 obtaining user postal code information;
4 translating the postal code information to user geographic position;
5 comparing the user geographic position to geographic positions assigned
6 to each city and sports team; and
7 determining a threshold distance from the user geographic position which
8 is greater than or equal to a distance to a predetermined nonzero number of cities and a
9 predetermined nonzero number of sports team geographic positions.

19. (Amended) Using a page server, a method of providing real-time responses to user requests from a plurality of users for customized pages, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining user preferences for the plurality of users, wherein a user's user preferences indicate items of interest to that user;

obtaining real-time information from information sources;

storing the real-time information in a storage device;

for each of the plurality of users, combining the user preferences for a specific user and a template to form a template program specific to the user at the page server);

receiving, from a user and at the page server, a user request for a customized page customized according to the user preferences;

executing the template program specific to the user using the real-time information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the customized page at the page server; and

providing the user with the customized page, wherein the steps of executing and providing are performed in real-time response to receipt of the user request in the step of receiving and wherein the customized page includes at least one item of real-time information selected from the storage device.